



Northgate Framework Resolution
Advice #1

Date: May 21, 2004

To: Mayor Greg Nickels and Members of the Seattle City Council

From: _____, Chair, on behalf of the Northgate Stakeholders Group

Subject: Advice on Issue #1: Open Space and Drainage Options for South Lot Development

The Northgate Framework Resolution directed that a Northgate Stakeholders Group be established to advise the City on four issues. The Stakeholders Group convened in March 2004 and immediately began working to understand the issues, to weigh the options and to provide advice to the City by the end of May on the following issues:

- South Lot development, including
 - Open space and drainage options (3) and
 - The Lorig proposal, and
- Coordinated Transportation Investment Plan

This memorandum describes the Group's process for learning about the open space and drainage options for the South Lot and concludes with the Group's advice.

Process for Learning About the Options and Group Deliberation (*To be expanded*)

Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) made presentations to the Group at Stakeholders Group meetings on March 18, April 20, and May 11. In these presentations, SPU described the options and results of a comparative analysis. This comparative analysis was carried out by a Technical Team that included the primary designers of each of the options.

In addition, Stakeholders Group members were invited to two additional meetings to learn more about the options. On March 15, members were invited to a midday Brown Bag with the Technical Team where the options were discussed in detail.

After hearing SPU's presentation on April 20, the Group requested additional information about the options, added to the list of criteria for analysis and comparison, and began its deliberations. On April 27, Group members were invited to a late afternoon meeting to hear the results of additional analysis and to go on a brief tour to see examples of the types of stormwater treatments that are included in one or more of the options.

On May 11, the Group continued its deliberations in preparation for the Community Forum on May 13. At its May 20 meeting, the Group reviewed the public comment on open space and drainage options, completed its deliberations and developed the following advice to send to you.

Advice Concerning South Lot Open Space and Drainage Options (*To include a detailed report of key elements of the Group's discussion*)

If the Group reaches consensus on advice, the Group's advice with its rationale would be presented.

If the Group is divided on its advice, the advice and rationale approved by the majority would be presented along with the advice and rationale approved by a minority.